

members of the first and third anchoring devices 332a and 332c in the horizontal lateral direction is fixedly maintained by the second connecting member 371b. The anchoring members of the second and fourth anchoring devices 332b and 332d are drawn together using third connecting member 371c to close or reduce the size of the opening of seam 384 and thereafter maintain a fixed separation distance between the anchoring members of the second and fourth anchoring devices as described for the second connecting member 371b and the first and third anchoring devices 332a and 332c. The second and fourth anchoring devices can be drawn together simultaneously, sequentially or in alternating increments with the first and third anchoring devices. Since the stems are extendable from the housings 385, the separation distance between interconnected pairs of anchoring devices can be adjusted. Accordingly, the connecting members 371a, 371b and 371c can be used to separate seawall panels or seawall panel portions by moving seawall panels or seawall panel portions away from one another by rotating the housing 385 in the second rotational direction. Various machinery and/or tools can be used to secure the connecting members 371a, 371b and 371c to the anchoring devices and to effect actuation of the adjustment members 387 via rotation of the housing 385 from the vessel 64. Depending on the size of the opening in the seawall, the opening may be completely closed with one adjustment of interconnected anchoring members. More commonly, an opening will be closed incrementally over time with periodic adjustments of interconnected anchoring members.

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